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PATENT APPLICATION
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Attorney Docket Number	500615.20205
First Named Inventor	Tetsuhiko HARA
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number	10 / 660,882
Filing Date	September 12, 2003
Art Unit	3754
Examiner Name	Unknown

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

VALVE DEVICE

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR
 was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 09/12/2003

as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number 10/660,882 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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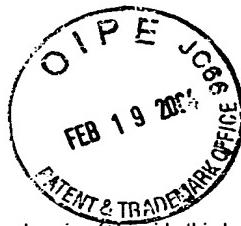
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